

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (currently amended) A battery positive cover~~(20)~~ comprising:

a terminal protection part~~(22)~~ having a closed top, an open bottom and a side wall extending in a top-to-bottom direction for protecting a battery terminal ~~(12)~~;

a wire harness-mounting part~~(24)~~ connected to the terminal protection part and having a back wall aligned substantially parallel to the top-to-bottom direction, first and second side walls extending from the back wall to define a substantially U-shape, an entry~~(24B)~~ between portions of the side walls spaced from the back wall, the side walls being capable of elastically deforming between a holding position for holding a wire harness~~(16)~~ inside said wire harness-mounting part~~(24)~~ and an open position for allowing insertion of said wire harness~~(16)~~ into said wire harness-mounting part~~(24)~~; and

~~a moving means (36, 38)~~ first and second inclined surfaces formed respectively on said first and second side walls of said wire harness-mounting part and being aligned substantially parallel to the top-to-bottom direction so that said inclined surfaces are engageable from an outer side of said wire harness-mounting part~~(24)~~ toward an inner side thereof in a direction substantially normal to the top-to-bottom direction for moving said wire harness-mounting part~~(24)~~ to said open position and allowing said wire harness~~(16)~~ to enter said wire harness-mounting part ~~(24)~~.

Claim 2 (canceled).

3. (currently amended) The battery positive cover~~(20)~~ of claim 1, further comprising a locking means~~(42A, 44A)~~ for holding said entry~~(24B)~~ in a closed state.

4. (currently amended) The battery positive cover~~(20)~~ of claim 1, wherein the battery positive cover~~(20)~~ is formed integrally from a resinous material.

5. (currently amended) The battery positive cover~~(20)~~ of claim 4, wherein the resinous material is resiliently deformable.

6. (currently amended) The battery positive cover~~(20)~~ of claim 4, wherein the entry~~(24B)~~ is in the closed position in an unbiased and undeformed condition of the resinous material.

7. (currently amended) A battery positive cover~~(20)~~ for protecting a terminal~~(14)~~ and a portion of a wire harness~~(16)~~ adjacent the terminal~~(14)~~ when the terminal~~(14)~~ is mounted on a battery post~~(12)~~ of a battery~~(10)~~, comprising:

a terminal protection part~~(22)~~ configured for protecting for the battery post~~(12)~~ and the terminal~~(14)~~ mounted thereon;

a connection part~~(26)~~ extending from the terminal protection part~~(22)~~;

and

a substantially U-shaped wire harness-mounting part~~(24)~~ extending from the connection part~~(26)~~ and having a connecting wall~~(24A)~~ and opposed front and rear walls~~(24C, 24D)~~ projecting from the connecting wall~~(24A)~~, the connecting wall and the opposed front and rear walls having surfaces oriented for alignment substantially parallel to the wire harness, an entry~~(24B)~~ defined between ends of the front and rear walls~~(24C, 24D)~~ opposite the connecting wall~~(24A)~~, inclined

projections ~~(36, 38)~~ formed on the front and rear walls ~~(24C, 24D)~~ at the entry ~~(24B)~~ and ~~substantially facing one another, the inclined projections (36, 38) being aligned~~ having surfaces converging towards one another at locations closer to the connecting wall for deflecting the front and rear walls ~~(24C, 24D)~~ away from one another in response to forces thereon in a direction from the entry ~~(24B)~~ towards the connecting wall ~~(24A)~~ for allowing insertion of said wire harness ~~(16)~~ into said wire harness-mounting part ~~(24)~~.

8. (currently amended) The battery positive cover ~~(20)~~ of claim 7, further comprising ~~a locking means (42A, 44A)~~ at positions on the inclined projections spaced from the respective front and rear walls for holding said entry ~~(24B)~~ in a closed state.

9. (currently amended) The battery positive cover ~~(20)~~ of claim 7, wherein the battery positive cover ~~(20)~~ is formed integrally from a resinous material.

10. (currently amended) The battery positive cover ~~(20)~~ of claim 9, wherein the resinous material is resiliently deformable.

11. (currently amended) The battery positive cover ~~(20)~~ of claim 10, wherein the entry ~~(24B)~~ is substantially in the closed position in an unbiased and undeformed condition of the resinous material.

12. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A battery positive cover ~~(20)~~ ~~of claim 7~~ for protecting a terminal and a portion of a wire harness adjacent the terminal when the terminal is mounted on a battery post of a battery, comprising:

_____ a terminal protection part configured for protecting for the battery post and the terminal mounted thereon, wherein the terminal protection part~~-(22)~~ has an open side facing in a first direction;

_____ a connection part extending from the terminal protection part, the connection part~~-(26)~~ having a substantially U-shaped cross-section opening in a second direction substantially perpendicular to the first direction_{7L}; and

_____the a wire harness-mounting part~~-(24)~~ having a substantially U-shaped cross-section opening in a third direction substantially perpendicular to the first and second directions, the wire harness-mounting part extending from the connection part and having a connecting wall and opposed front and rear walls projecting from the connecting wall, an entry defined between ends of the front and rear walls opposite the connecting wall, inclined projections formed on the front and rear walls at the entry and substantially facing one another, the inclined projections being aligned for deflecting the front and rear walls away from one another in response to forces thereon in a direction from the entry towards the connecting wall for allowing insertion of said wire harness into said wire harness-mounting part.